

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Applicants' representative wishes to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during the Examiner's Interview of April 3, 2007, and for the indications that the Amendment of claim 1 (as filed on March 8, 2007) overcomes the applied references. By this Supplemental Amendment (shown in bold text), claim 1 has been further amended as discussed during the Examiner's Interview to provide grammatical clarification only.

As discussed during the interview, the Supplemental Amendment is provided for clarification, and does not impact the scope of the claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' representative, in person, or over the telephone, Applicants' representatives would welcome the opportunity to do so.

EXCEPT for fees payable under 37 CFR §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 CFR §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit, any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a constructive petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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